

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Rudolf Siegesmund on 4/29/2008.
3. The following claims has been amended:
 1. A method for allocating a plurality of resources to a plurality of applications, the method comprising:
 - configuring a system with a resource allocation program;
 - wherein the resource allocation program performs steps comprising:
 - determining whether a first application of the plurality of applications has requested the resources;
 - responsive to determining that the first application has requested the resources,
 - determining a policy associated with the first application using a policy allocation table;
 - responsive to determining the policy associated with the first application,
 - determining a resource allocation associated with the policy using a resource allocation table;
 - and

responsive to determining the resource allocation associated with the policy, allocating a portion of the plurality of resources to the first application based on the resource allocation associated with the policy.

wherein the policy is one of a plurality of policies; and

wherein the resource allocation program allocates all of a plurality of currently available resources to the application, subject to a plurality of limitations defined in resource allocation table for the policy associated with the first application.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining when a user wants to define one of the plurality of policies; and

responsive to determining that the user wants to define one of the plurality of policies, accepting a user definition, a modification, or a deletion of one of the plurality of policies in the resource allocation table.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining if a user wants to assign a plurality of policies to the plurality of applications; and

responsive to determining that the user wants to assign the plurality of policies to the plurality of applications, accepting a user assignment, a modification, or a deletion of at least a plurality of associations between the plurality of policies and the plurality of applications in the resource allocation table.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wherein each application of the plurality of applications is associated with one of a plurality of customers; and

wherein the resource allocation program allocates the portion of the plurality of resources to the first application based upon the policy associated with the first application and independent of a status of a customer associated with the first applications.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein a consistent quality of service is achieved for substantially all of the applications associated with each policy.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the resource allocation program waits until an entire amount of resources defined in the resource allocation table is available, and then the resource allocation program allocates the entire amount of resources defined in the resource allocation table for the policy to the first application.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the system is a computer network.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the system is a computer file.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein the system is a computer operating system.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the system is a computer program.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the system is a virtual machine.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CAROLINE ARCOS whose telephone number is (571)270-3151. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.
5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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